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REMARKS

Objection to Claims 14-23, 25, and 26

Regarding claims 14-23, 25, and 26, applicant has amended references of "code" to more specifically become "program code", as suggested by the Examiner. These amendments were also voluntarily performed on claims 1-13 to maintain consistency with the above changes. The amendments above are fully supported in the original specification, and no new matter is introduced.

Applicant points out the above amendments should therefore place claims 14-23, 25, and 26 in a condition for allowance. The Examiner has stated in the current office action that the applicant's arguments to claim 14 are persuasive. Barring further objections to claim 14, applicant points out claim 14 and depending claims 15-23, 25, and 26 should be found allowable. Consideration for the allowance of claims 14-23, 25, and 26 is respectfully requested.

Rejection of claims 1-13 through second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112

Claim 1 has been amended to remove the insufficient antecedent basis stated by the Examiner. The first instance of "the higher-level subroutine" has been corrected to "a higher-level subroutine". This amendment is purely grammatical in nature and does not introduce new subject matter. Additionally, the term "of the plurality of higher-level subroutines" has been added to claims 1 and 14 to provide further clarification in describing the higher-level subroutine. This is fully supported in the original specification and does not introduce new subject matter.

Applicant points out that this amendment should therefore place claim 1 in a condition for allowance, as the Examiner has stated in the current office action that the applicant's previous arguments to claim 1 were persuasive. Additionally, as claims 2-13

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are dependent upon claim 1 either directly or through intervening claims, claims 2-13 should also be found allowable. Consideration for the allowance of claims 1-13 is respectfully requested.

5 Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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